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SUBJ: W/W GLENDA RAE BARRIOS AND CHILDREN IVAN AND JANETTE

1. ON AUGUST 2ND, U.S. CITIZEN GLENDA RAE BARRIOS, HER TWO U.S. CITIZEN CHILDREN AND HER COLOMBIAN CITIZEN HUSBAND WERE VICTIMS OF AN ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING ON THE ROAD BETWEEN PEREIRA, DEPARTMENT OF RISARALDA AND ARMENIA, DEPARTMENT OF QUINDIO. THE ATTEMPT RESULTED IN THE FATAL WOUNDING OF MR. BARRIOS, WHO DIED THIS AFTERNOON AT THE DEPARTMENTAL HOSPITAL, CALI, WHERE HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED AUGUST 4.

2. MRS. BARRIOS AND CHILDREN ARE THE ONLY EYE WITNESSES TO THE ABORTIVE KIDNAPPING AND ARE REPORTEDLY ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR ASSAILANTS. AS MRS. BARRIOS PLANS TO RETURN TO ARMENIA TONIGHT FOR THE INTERMENT OF HER HUSBAND, AN INTERMEDIARY VISITED THE CONSULATE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING POLICE PROTECTION FOR HER.

3. THE CONSULATE HAS OBTAINED ASSURANCES FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE THIRD BRIGADE THAT A MILITARY ESCORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MRS. BARRIOS' JOURNEY TO ARMENIA TONIGHT BUT THAT THEREAFTER THE LOCAL DISTRICT COMMANDER MUST BE APPROACHED FOR CONTINUING PROTECTION. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO MRS. BARRIOS.

4. MRS. BARRIOS' PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND ELMAR SLIGHTE OF 3944 OAKLAND ROAD, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, HAVE ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA TO BE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER.

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